Cancellation of Indo-Pak Sharjah Cricket Match

†376. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a cricket match between India and Pakistan was to be organised at Sharjah for the help of earthquake vicitims of Gujarat;

(b) if so, under what circumstances the same had to be cancelled; and

(c) whether it has to be cancelled due to pressure of the Minister of Sport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir. A triangular One Day series was scheduled at Sharjah from February 8-11, 2001 between India, Pakistan and Bangladesh for the help of earthquake vicitims of Gujarat.

(b) The Government was considering the proposal of BCCI, examining the possibility of staging the event in India.

(c) No, Sir.

Manipulation of Balance Sheets of Indian Weightlifting Federation

377. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have handed over the case of recovery of grant of Rs. 5.78 lakh, togetherwith interest, from Shri Gopal Khanra, General Secretary, Indian Weightlifting Federation in 1997-1999, to Delhi Police;

(b) if so, when was this case handed over to Delhi Police and what is its present status; and

(c) whether Government have received reports that the Federation has manipulated Balance Sheets for 1997-98 and 1998-99 and if so, what action has been taken in the matter?